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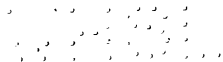


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DEDICATION

This volume of family history is dedicated to the coming generation of the Gables. The effort made in this direction to obtain and preserve the accurate and direct family record should be one of appreciation and approval. This volume should, by the individual effort of each member of the family, increase with general information, according to growth and development of the Gable family.

INTRODUCTION

After years of separation from the dear ones that we love,
Though we know it's through the working of the one who
 reigns above,
Then to meet them altogether and to press their hands once
 more,
Is a joy we all had hoped for, yet despaired of long ago.

Once again to see our father, see his dear familiar face,
 ever smiling kindly on us,
Full of Christian love and grace.
Hear his words of loving counsel, words which he alone
 could say,
Which have helped us on life's pathway,
O'er the hard and thorny way.

Then to see our dear old mother always gentle and pure,
Whose kind words and loving kisses were for grief a cure.
Sharer of our joys and sorrows, to whose love there is no
 end,
There is no one like a mother as a comforter and friend.

There is joy in such a meeting, but in parting, Oh! what
 pain,
For we know that we may never see each other here again,
But although it brings such sadness when we all must say
 good-bye
Yet we have one great comfort ; we will meet again on high.
Francis J. Gable.

On September 14, 1900, a reunion of the children and grandchildren of John and Elizabeth Gable, was held at their home, three miles northeast of Ollie, Keokuk county, Iowa. There are

twelve children in the family, four girls and eight boys, all of whom are living. Their ages range from twenty-five to forty-eight years.

During the gathering the total weight of the children was summed up and found to be 2107 pounds, making an average weight of 180 pounds each.

This reunion had been talked of for nearly ten years, but as the children were so widely scattered and so hard to reach, no decisive action was taken until this spring, when, after considerable correspondence, between the parents and older children, this date was at last decided upon. Even then it was doubtful that all would be there, but eventually the last ones arrived Friday afternoon, and all the children were present, which, with thirty-three grandchildren, made a gathering of fifty-six in all. Many of the children had not seen each other or their parents for a number of years, and a meeting again was a most joyous one.

After the first greeting was over the party sat down to the long table spread in the yard and partook of a bounteous dinner. When this was finished the children presented their father with a handsome silver engraved watch and their mother with a set of silver knives and forks, as a slight reminder of the occasion. The afternoon was pleasantly spent by the older ones present in renewing old acquaintances and calling to mind many happy memories of childhood happy days, the younger members of the party forming the acquaintance of their relatives, many of whom they had never seen.

Later in the afternoon a photographer from Sigourney came out and took one picture of the entire party and another of the children and their parents alone.

The reunion proper was set for the fourteenth and most of those present remained over Sunday, that the meeting of many of the long and absent relatives might be prolonged.

Rev. John and Elizabeth Gable will be remembered by many of the residents as having resided in this vicinity for a number of years. Although having reached the age of about seventy years this couple are still in fairly good health and active. Both the health and vigor of themselves and children are more remark-

able from the fact that no physician has ever entered this house on professional business.

Fortunately the weather was all that could be desired by such a gathering, and although such a meeting as this has an element of sadness connected with it in the thought that perhaps this would be the last opportunity of ever seeing all together again at Home, it was one of congratulation to all present.

The names of the twelve children are as follows:

- J. E. Gable, residence, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
- J. H. Gable, residence, Dennison, Iowa.
- Mrs. L. H. Peck, residence, Olin Iowa.
- W. A. Gable, residence, Lamartine, Colo.
- R. M. Gable, residence, Lost Nation, Iowa.
- Mrs. Frank Gilman, residence, Ollie, Iowa.
- Mrs. Daniel Kammer, residence, Monmouth, Iowa.
- Mrs. Emma Eby, residence, Baldwin, Iowa.
- G. A. Gable, residence, New Sharon, Iowa.
- I. A. Gable, residence, Hunt, Idaho.
- E. L. Gable, residence, New Sharon, Iowa.
- B. I. Gable, residence, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

HISTORY OF THE GABLES

As near as can be ascertained, in the year 1750, a lad about nine years of age, presumably by the name of George, though this is by no means positive, managed in some way to conceal himself on a sailing vessel, bound from Germany to America. (It is quite evident from this fact that the family were of German origin.)

After a long and tedious voyage accompanied by considerable danger, this youthful emigrant reached the shore of America, landing either in New York or Philadelphia.

Upon his arrival this little stowaway made his way to Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and into the green fields of the country, and found employment among the farmers. It must have been a brave heart to have guided one so young amongst total strangers, and his youthful fancies must have brought to mind scenes of home and friends left behind,—poor lonely lad, in a far off country.

Finding employment in this locality, he maintained himself and grew to manhood among those good, worthy farmers.

At an unknown date and age he married in Lancaster county, Penn. Here two sons, Henry Gable and Valentine, were born and in all probability other children, but, if so, all trace has been lost of them.

Valentine Gable had eight children—Isaac Gable, Samuel, Peter, George, Elizabeth, Polly, Susana, Hetta.

HENRY GABLE

This lad grew into manhood and in about 1766, was united in marriage in Lancaster county, to a Miss Bowman. Here he lived for a number of years until he moved to Pfoutes Valley where he died at the age of 65, and is buried near Millerstown, Penn.

Four children were born to this union, three daughters and one son. These children were born in Lancaster county. The two oldest daughters upon reaching womanhood, married and moved with their husbands to New York state, locating in the western part, where they lived to a good old age, when they died and were buried there.

The youngest daughter, by name of Nancy, was united in marriage to Christian Long, of Pfoutes Valley, Perry county. Here they resided until death called them to their eternal home. Twelve sons and one daughter were born to them.

JOHN GABLE

John, the son of Henry Gable, our direct ancestor, was born in Lancaster county, Penn., on August 26th, 1791, and married to Christian Long, of Pfoutes Valley, Perry county. Upon reaching manhood, he returned to the place of his birth, in Lancaster county.

Cupid has never been a respecter of persons, and John, in his youth, formed an attachment for a little maiden in his early home. So his return to Lancaster was to make a wife of the little maid of his youthful fancy. On September 28th, 1817, he and Magdalene Lane, daughter of Samuel Lane, were united in marriage.

Prior to his marriage, and when young and single, John Gable enlisted in the War of 1812, being detailed as teamster engaged in transporting supplies for the army.

After his marriage he removed to Pfoutes Valley, making his residence on his father's farm. This he eventually bought.

Six children blessed the union, four boys and two girls, Samuel, Barbara, Henry, John, Magdalene, Michael. These children were born in Pfoutes Valley, Perry county, Penn.

Some years later, the exact date not being known, he sold the old home farm, and moved to Dauphin county, Penn., with his family and mother, where his mother died during their stay there. Date not given, three miles east of Harrisburg, the state capital. Here he lived for six years, and while residing there, a daughter by the name of Maria was born.

At the expiration of a six year's residence here, John Gable moved into Perry county, Penn., where he purchased a farm of one hundred and twenty acres, paying thirteen hundred dollars in gold. This land was partly improved, but the buildings were in a dilapidated condition and they made their home in an old log house that originally stood upon the land. This they occupied until they built a more commodious dwelling.

During their residence, death entered this peaceful household and home and Magdalene, his loving wife, was called to her eternal rest. This death occurred in 1849, on February 1st.

John Gable was an industrious and successful farmer, occupying his home until, at the age of sixty years, he retired, and

rented the farm to tenants. Several years after the death of his first wife, Magdalene, he was united in marriage to a Mrs. Sarah Grubb, a widow, about 50 years of age.

Here he lived in great contentment until the age of eighty-four years,, when he died.

He was buried one-half mile east of Red Hill Church Burying ground, located in Perry county, Penn.

John Gable and his first wife, Magdalene, were members of the United Brethern church, being faithful and active members. A few years after his second marriage, he and his second wife were united with the German Baptist Brethren Church, or what is better known as the Dunkards, and he and his second wife both died in that faith.

JOHN GABLE.

Born, August 26th, 1791,

Died, October 11th, 1875.

Aged 84 years, 1 month, and 15 days.

"Our father has gone to a mansion of rest from a reign of sorrow and pain,

To the glorious land by the Deity blessed, where he never can suffer again."

MADGALENE,

wife of John Gable,

Born, August 31st, 1793,

Died, February 1st, 1849.

Age, 55 years, 5 months.

"Sweet is the sleep our mother takes,
Till in Christ Jesus she awakes,
Then will her happy soul rejoice,
To hear her blessed Savior's voice."

SAMUEL GABLE

Samuel Gable, first son of John and Magdalene Lane Gable, was born April 25th, 1819, and was united in marriage to a Miss Jane Varness, of Duncan's Island, Penn. To this union were born seven children, three sons and four daughters. Two of the children died in infancy. The other three daughters lived to womanhood, when they died, one being buried by the side of her mother, in Duncan's Island, Penn., and the other two at Kratzer-ville Cemetery, in Snyder county, Penn.

Two sons still survive the family, Eli and John.

Samuel Gable, son of John and Magdalene Lane Gable, was united in second marriage to Catherine Crools in the spring of 1866.

To this union was born one daughter, Catherine Crools Gable, who died in the fall of 1876 and was buried at Kratzer-ville Cemetery, in Snyder county, Penn.

Upon the third marriage was united in wedlock with one Anne Norman on April 26th, 1877. To this union were born three children who, with their mother, now, reside in Selin's Grove, Snyder county, Penn., where his wife died in 1901. Date and age, not known.

Samuel Gable lived to the good old age of eight-one years and six months, when God called him home on October 9, 1900. His early married life was spent near Selin's Grove, Pa.

ELI GABLE

Eli Gable, first son of Samuel and Mary Jones (Varnes) Gable, was born in 1874, on December 10, in Perry county, Penn.

On reaching manhood he was united in marriage to a Miss Catherine Kemble, of Snyder county, Penn. Three children were born to this union: George A. Gable, Harry, and William.

Eli Gable now resides in Northumberland, Northumberland county, Penn.

WILLIAM E. GABLE

William E., second son of Eli Gable, was born December 5th, 1892, and died April 18, 1894, and is buried in Liverpool, Perry county, Penn.

GEORGE A. GABLE

George A., first son of Eli Gable, was born in 1870, on March 7th, and married a Miss Anna Charles. This union was blessed with two children. George now resides in Northumberland, Northumberland county, Penn., and is in the employ of the railroad.

HARRY A. GABLE

Harry A., the third son of Eli Gable, was born July 1st, 1876, and was united in marriage to a Miss Dessa Masher of Harrisburg, Penn.

JOHN L. GABLE

John L. Gable, second son of Samuel and Mary Jane Varnee Gable, was born July 6th, 1852, in Perry county, Penn.

At his mother's death, while at the age of eleven years, he came to Snyder County, Penn. In a few years he was employed upon a railroad. Later found employment with the Canal Company, having in charge a steamer.

On the 5th day of November, 1871, he was joined in the holy bonds of matrimony to Amelia Boyer, a daughter of David Boyer. To this union were born five children, four sons and one daughter. He now resides in Selin's Grove, Penn.

Charles D.

Sallie E.

Frank H.

William T.

George E.

CHARLES L. GABLE

Charles L., second son of John Gable, was born on June 9th, 1872.

In 1897 he became a student of the Susquehanna University, and graduated in 1900. In 1899, April 5th, was united in marriage to Miss Cora H. Moyer, daughter of Henry Moyer. One child has blessed this union by the name of Leroy M. Gable.

SALLIE E. GABLE

Sallie E. Gable, daughter of John and Amelia Boyer Gable, was born September 25th, 1874, and later was united in marriage to Harry Good, son of Frank Good, who is a farmer by occupation.

To this union were born two children.

They reside near Selin's Grove, Snyder county, Penn.

FRANK H. GABLE

Frank H. Gable, third son of John L. and Amelia Boyer (Gable) was born August 9th, 1878, and on February 4th, 1897, united in marriage with Lulah Kline. To the union were born two children, one now living. He is also a farmer by occupation and resides near Selin's Grove, Penn.

WILLIAM F. GABLE

William F. Gable, fourth son of John and Amelia Boyer Gable, was born April 27th, 1885, and is by occupation a farmer, making his home with his father.

GEORGE E. GABLE

George E. Gable, the youngest son of John L. and Amelia Boyer Gable, was born February 21st, 1889.

BARBARA GABLE

Barbara Gable, eldest daughter of John and Magdalene Lane Gable, was born June 4, 1821, united in marriage to Daniel Ward, of Pfoutes Valley, Perry county, Penn., February, 1842. Ten children blessed this marriage.

John G. Ward.

William H.

Elijah P.

Immanuel.

Franklin.

Jacob.

Martha Ann.

Sarah Alice.

Derwin.

Mary E.

Soon after his marriage, Daniel Ward purchased his father's farm four miles northeast of Millerstown, which is now known as Wardsville.

Being an industrious man, and one of good judgment, eventually amassed a comfortable fortune. He was a man beyond the ordinary intelligence, being often consulted in matters of law, and holding various offices of the township. As his business prospered he invested his purchases in land, became interested in the building of houses and other public improvements. He took an active interest in educational and municipal affairs. He and his wife were active members of the Mennonite Church.

Barbara was a sufferer for many years, and died on January 4th, 1882, at the age of sixty years.

Daniel Ward survived his wife thirteen years, when he met death by an accident.

In the meantime two of the three daughters were married and the third keeping house for her father until his death.

JOHN G. WARD

John G. Ward, eldest son of Daniel and Barbara Gable Ward, was born May the 18th, 1843. After receiving an education in the common schools and the McAllisterville Academy, graduating at the age of nineteen, he secured a clerkship in a mercantile establishment, where he remained until the breaking out of the war of 1863. At this time he enlisted in the Union Army and served until the close of the war in 1865, having seen considerable service. Upon his return from the war he assisted his father upon the home farm. On June 21, 1866, he was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Miss Elizabeth Marshall. To this union was born one child, who, with its mother, died at the time of its birth.

In 1869, he was again united in marriage to Sarah J. Sausman. To this union was born one son, Otis B. Ward, who at the writing of this history, has reached the age of twenty-eight years, making his home with his father.

John G. Ward, after the death of his first wife, became identified with the mercantile business, locating a post-office, and naming it Wardsville, filling the position of Postmaster and that of Justice of Peace for the last twenty years.

IMMANUEL WARD

Immanuel, the fourth son of Daniel and Barbara Gable Ward, was born May 4th, 1849. His early life was spent upon his father's farm. In 1879 he was united in marriage to a Miss Maggie Aucker, of Pfoutes Valley, Penn. To this union was born one daughter. His occupation was that of a farmer, owning land near Tompsontown, Penn. Both he and his wife were members of the German Baptist Brethren Church.

FRANKLIN WARD

Franklin, the fifth son of Daniel and Barbara Gable Ward,
was born December 25th, 1851. Died Ooctober 8th, 1853.

JACOB WARD

Jacob, the sixth son of Daniel and Barbara Gable Ward,
was born May 1st, 1854, and died January 27th, 1855.

MARTHA A. WARD

Martha A. Ward, the eldest daughter of Daniel and Barbara Gable Ward, was born November 16, 1855. She resides at Newport, Penn., where she acted as housekeeper for her father, until his death.

SARAH ALICE WARD

Sarah Alice, second daughter of Daniel and Barbara Gable Ward, was born August 14th, 1858. In 1883 she was united in marriage to John Stouffer. This union was blessed with one son and one daughter. Alice died Febraary 24th, 1897, being buried in the Lost Creek Cemetery, near the Mennonite Church. She was a member of the German Lutheran Church.

WILLIAM H. WARD

William H. Ward, second son of John G. Ward and Barbara Gable Ward, was born March 20th, . In 1871 he was united in marriage to a Miss Maggie Rumbaugh. To this union were born three children, of which two are living. William is a farmer by occupation, residing near Millerstown, Perry county, Penn.

DERWIN WARD

Derwin, seventh son of Daniel and Barbara Gable Ward, was born November 22nd, 1860. He assisted his father upon the farm until the age of twenty-one, when he took a trip to Iowa, later returning to Chicago. Here (Chicago) he secured a position in the postoffice department which he retained about four years, being then employed by the Railroad Company as Dispatcher of Mail, a position which he still holds. He was united in marriage in 1896 and resides in Chicago.

ELIJAH T. WARD

The third son, Elijah T. Ward, was born February 16th, 1847. He has been engaged in farming and the making of shoes. In 1874 he was united in marriage to a Miss Sarah Hartzler. To this union there were three children, all of whom are living. Sarah, his wife, died in 1893. In 1897 he was united in marriage to a Miss Maggie Welch. He now resides in Juniata county, Penn., upon a farm.

HENRY L. GABLE

Henry L. Gable, the second son of John and Magdalene Lane Gable, was born in Pfoutes Valley, near Millerstown, on the 6th day of December, 1823. During his childhood days his parents moved to Dauphin county. Naturally his opportunities were limited, but being ambitious and of more than the ordinary intelligence, he was able to supplement by experience that which had been neglected in his early schooling. By extensive reading and home study, he was able eventually to acquire sufficient education to secure him a position as school teacher, which he held at various times in the Dauphin and Perry county schools.

During the intervals of the school terms he accepted a position as clerk in a village store. In the spring of 1850 he met and formed an acquaintance with Miss Elizabeth Sellers, to whom, on December 5th, 1850, he was united in marriage. Elizabeth Sellers was the daughter of Jeremiah and Elizabeth Bowman Sellers, who resided near Buck's Lock, near Middletown, Dauphin county. In 1852, or thereabout he, at the request of his father, John Gable, returned and took charge of the home farm, making his residence there for about ten years, being engaged in the cultivation of the land.

This union was blessed with five children, John N. and Jeremiah D., twins, born March 20th, 1852, at Buck's Lock, Dauphin county; Anna M., Hiram S., Josiah S., the latter three being born in Newport, Perry county.

A few years prior to his death, which took place January 9th, 1888, he was united with the German Baptist Brethren Church, in company with his wife. His wife still survives him, having reached the good old age of seventy-two. Henry Gable was a great sufferer with cancer for a number of years until death came to his relief. He lies buried in the Union Cemetery, near a brick church in the centre of Pfoutes Valley, a suitable monument being erected to his memory, bearing this inscription:

HENRY L. GABLE,

Born, December 6th, 1823,

Died, January 9th, 1888,

Aged 64 years, 1 month and 3 days.

"Asleep in Jesus, peaceful sleep,

From which none ever wakes to weep."

JEREMIAH D. AND JOHN H. GABLE

Jeremiah D. and John H. Gable, the eldest sons of Henry L. and Elizabeth Sellers Gable, were born March 20th, 1852.

JEREMIAH GABLE

Jeremiah was united in marriage to a Miss Mary Ann Stevens, daughter of David A. and Mary Marshall Stevens, residents of Buck's Valley, Perry county. The marriage took place December 25th. He was employed for twenty-six years as a machine hand in the Newport Planing Mill. At the expiration of this time he moved upon a farm, which he had previously bought.

To this union were born five children:

Harry D. S.

Nelson, G. B.

Josiah M. M.

Norman J. W.

Carrie V. S.

His mother is still living and makes her home with her son Jeremiah.

JOHN H. GABLE

John H. Gable, eldest son of Henry L. and Elizabeth Gable, was born the 20th day of March, 1852. His early boyhood days were spent at home upon the farm. At the age of sixteen he secured employment in the brick yards of Newport, Penn. In 1861 he secured a position in a planing mill. On July 23, 1869, he was promoted to that of engineer. He was identified with this institution for thirteen years, giving entire satisfaction to his employers. In 1883 he was offered a position as assistant engineer at the Marshall Furnace, Newport, Penn., and in 1886 he was promoted to that of chief engineer. This position he held until 1890, when he accepted a position as engineer on Sherman's Valley Railroad. After about five months identification with this profession, he bought a farm. He followed this occupation for about three years. At the expiration of this time he decided to sell the farm. On the completion of the sale he was offered a position as engineer for the Newport Electric Light and Power Company. He remained here about one year and then accepted a position as engineer of the Marshall Furnace, his former occupation, which he still retains.

He was united in marriage September 24th, 1878, to a Miss Sophina L. Grubb, daughter of David and Martha Stevens Grubb. Two children blessed this union. The eldest, Anna E., the youngest, Blaine.

In 1895, John H. Gable purchased a farm in Raccoon Valley, near Donnelly Mills, Perry county. Here his wife, Josephine, died at the age of thirty-nine years and fourteen days, and was buried in the Newport Cemetery.

ANNA M. GABLE

Anna M. Gable, only daughter of Henry L. and Elizabeth Sellers Gable, was united in marriage to William A. Fenicle, in 1887. This union was blessed with three children, all boys, John Fenicle, Edward and Lloyd.

They reside in Cumberland county, engaged in farming.

HIRAM S. GABLE

Hiram. S. Gable, third son of Henry L. and Elizabeth Sellers Gable, was born on the 12th day of January, 1856. He was united in marriage to a Miss Maggie McNaughton, a resident of Newport, Perry county. They eventually emigrated to Hebron, Nebraska, where he embarked in the lumber and coal business, an enterprise he successfully ran for a number of years.

JOSIAH S. GABLE

Josiah Sellers Gable, youngest son of Henry and Elizabeth Sellers Gable, was born the 23rd day of December, 1857, on a farm owned by John Gable, one mile from Newport, Perry county, Penn. Here he resided with his parents until the age of five years, when they moved to what was known as the Henry Sarver farm in Wild Cat Valley. Making their residence here two years they located on the William Lease farm, in the same valley. The following year was spent on a forage farm, one mile west of Newport. The next two years was spent in Fordstown, on the banks of Big Buffalo Creek, about one mile from Newport. From Fordstown they returned to the John Gable farm, the place of his birth, remaining there until he became of age. Arriving at his maturity he emigrated to the west. His early education was somewhat limited on account of living too great a distance from the school house for one so small as he to attend. As a result he received very little schooling before the age of nine. From that time on, circumstances became more favorable, and as a result considerable progress was made as to his education. By the age of twenty he accepted a position at the Red Hill school. The following year he received a call as teacher to the school of Fishing Creek Valley, Perry county. This closed his professional career as far as teaching was concerned.

During his early boyhood days he had oft expressed a desire to see the west, and at the age of twenty he emigrated to Iowa. In the spring of 1880, he arrived at his uncle's, John Gable, of Lost Nation, Iowa, where he worked for him until fall. At this time he located in Cedar Rapids and secured an appointment with the lumber firm of C. F. Fay and Company. Here he remained four years, and by industry and economy saved considerable of his earnings.

Having acquired a practical knowledge of the business and desiring to engage in it for himself, he formed a partnership with Mr. F. H. Henderson, when they opened and conducted a business in Osecola, Polk county, Nebraska. Here the business was carried on under the firm name of Henderson & Gable. After three years the business was dissolved, Mr. Henderson retaining the yard and buying his partner's share of the business.

Having disposed of his business in this relation, he removed from Osceola to Lincoln, Nebraska, and inaugurated a lumber business under the name of Lincoln Lumber Company. This occurred in 1888 and here resided ever since. At the age of fifteen he became a member of the German Baptist Church.

He was united in marriage in 1881 to a Miss Anne Salone Miller, at the residence of Daniel Helsinger, near Marion, Linn county, Iowa.

One son was born to this union, October 24th, 1887, and named Stanley Roscoe Gable.

JOHN GABLE

John Gable, the third son of John and Magdalene Lane Gable, was born the fifth day of November, 1826. On December 11th 1851, he was united in marriage to a Miss Elizabeth Eby, of New Germantown, Perry County, Penn. To this union were born twelve children,

John E.,

Jacob.

Elizabeth A.

William A.

Reuben M.

Mary S.

Sarah E.

Emma J.

George A.

Ira A.

Ezra L.

Benjamin I.

By trade he was a shoemaker and at intervals had been identified with that of farming. During his residence in New Germantown, Perry county, seven of the twelve children were born. In the month of November, 1864, he moved his family westward to Carroll county Illinois, his uncle, Henry Eby, accompanying him. Here he purchased from one, David Rittenhouse, a farm of 120 acres, for which he paid the sum of \$5,000.

During his residence here, one daughter was born. On February 14th, 1867, he emigrated to Clinton county, Iowa, and purchased 200 acres of land from one Albert Wade, paying for the same the sum of \$4,500. Here he made his residence for seventeen years, during which time four sons were born.

In 1871 the Sabula, Ackley & Dakota railroad was built. At their instance the town of Lost Nation was located, one-half mile west of his farm.

The post office, formerly of Smithtown, was moved to this station. Later this railroad was sold to the C. M. & St. P. Ry. Co.

In the fall of 1883 he sold his farm at \$50.50 per acre and in the following spring, in 1884, he moved, with five of his fam-

ily, to Mahaska county, three miles southeast of New Sharon, Mahaska county, Iowa, and purchased a farm of Alonzo Rockwell of 130 acres, at \$42.50 per acre. A few years later he added 70 additional acres, owning now, in all, 200 acres of well improved land. This land is now under cultivation under the direction of his two sons, George and Ezra. In 1894 a small lot of five acres was purchased three miles northeast of Ollie, Keokuk county, Iowa, for which he paid \$125.00 per acre. Upon this place he now resides.

He and his wife are members of the German Baptist church, or otherwise Dunkards. He has officiated as pastor of this church for about ten years.

In February, 1902, he sold 70 acres to Ezra Gable.

J. E. GABLE

J. E. Gable, oldest son of John and Elizabeth Gable, was born October 6th, 1852, near Germantown, Penn.

At the age of twelve years he moved, with the family, to Mount Carroll, Carroll county, Illinois.

At the age of fourteen he moved to Lost Nation, Clinton county, Iowa, where he lived on a farm until the age of nineteen, at which age he left the farm to learn the carpenter trade..

At the age of twenty-two, in 1875, he was married to Heala E. Leinbaugh of Elwood, Iowa.

To this union were born four children:

F. R. G., born January 6th, 1876.

E. B. G., born December 28th, 1876.

O. A. G., born June 16th, 1879.

Onalee, E. G., born August 24th, 1885.

These children are all under the parental roof at this writing.

In 1879, in company with J. C. Fay, he bought the lumber yard in Lost Nation of F. E. Moses, and handled this in partnership for two years and eight months; then he bought out J. C. Fay's interest; then in the fall of 1883 sold to Louisfield & Cressey, and bought one-fourth interest in two yards at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in company with J. C. Fay, Wm. Fay and F. M. Thompson, styled Fay Bros. & Co., located at 400 South First street.

He also has a few minor interests.

His present home is 728 Fourth avenue.



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AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF JACOB H. GABLE

I was born July 10th, 1854, in Perry county, Penn., near New Germantown, being the second son of Elder John and Elizabeth (Eby) Gable. At the age of ten years, moved with my parents from Pennsylvania to Carroll county, Ill., at which place we remained a little more than two years, when we again moved to Clinton county, Iowa.

Here I worked at various occupations, chiefly farming, until the age of twenty-two, at which time I took Horace Greeley's advice, and went west, locating in Sac county, Iowa, in August, 1876. At th's time a branch line of railroad was being built through Sac county, leaving the main line of the Chicago and Northwestern railway at Maple River Junction, where I worked on the grade during the summer of 1877.

Odebolt was at that time a thriving town, and in the following winter I taught the first school in the town. After this I clerked in a store for about a year, and in May, 1879, having learned telegraphy, I secured the position of manager of the Western Union Telegraph office, and clerk to the agent in the station at Odebolt.

In December, 1880, I returned to Pennsylvania, and on the 28th of December was married to Fanny A. Clouser of New Bloomfield, Penn., the daughter of Francis B., and Mary (Schwartz) Clouser, then returning with my wife to my position at Odebolt.

In December, 1881, I was promoted by the company to the agency at Irwin, Iowa, which place and position I held for about two years and six months, and was again promoted to the agency at Denison, Iowa, where I remained in charge of the station for the Chicago and Northwestern Railway company until July, 1888.

At this time I resigned my position as agent, to take the position of traveling passenger agent for the Fremont, Elkhorn

and Missouri Valley and Sioux City and Pacific railroads, having full charge of the outside work of seven states, which position I still occupy.

Four children were born to us:

Francis J., born Nov. 10th, 1881, at Odebolt.

Vida B., born August 24th, 1883, at Irwin.

Blanche E., born September 3rd, 1884, at Denison.

Charles C., born October 27th, 1886.

Two of these, Vida and Charles died in infancy, the former, October 4th, 1883, the latter March 9th, 1887.

ELIZABETH GABLE

Elizabeth Gable, eldest daughter of John and Elizabeth Eby Gable, was born March fifth, 1856. September 17th, 1874, she was united in marriage to Sydney Bartley, at Maquoketa, Jackson county. They later moved to Sac county, where he died on the 18th day of the following December. She returned to Lost Nation on the 25th of January, 1877, was united in marriage to LeForest H. Peck. To this union were born nine children, of whom seven are still living:

John H.

George F.

William C.

LeRoy.

Ada A.

Ernest F.

Esther E.

In September, 1881, they moved to Olin, Jones county, where they at present reside.

MARY S. GABLE

Mary S. Gable, second daughter of John and Elizabeth E. Gable, was born February 27th, 1862. On March 4th, 1883, she was united in marriage to B. F. Gillam. This union was blessed with six children, five of whom are still living:

Maude E.

Bertha M.

John Wesley.

Jessie B.

William Harvy.

They live three miles northeast of Ollie, Iowa, on a farm.

SARAH E. GABLE

Sarah Ellen Gable, third daughter of John and Elizabeth Eby Gable, was born February 17th, 1864. She was united in marriage December 27th, 1883, to Daniel Kammer. To this union was born five children, four of whom are living:

Gertie M.

William E.

Fannie M.

Ernest L.

When first married they made their residence at the home of his father. In the spring of 1891 he bought a farm of 160 acres of James Waugh, near Monmouth, Clinton county, Iowa. In the fall of 1901, they sold and the following February they moved to Lost Nation, where they now reside.

EMMA J. GABLE

Emma J. Gable, fourth daughter of John and Elizabeth Eby Gable, was born April 28th, 1866, and united in marriage with one Joseph H. Eby. To this union were born five children, three living:

Raymond R.

Neva M.

Hazel L.

Emma J. now resides in Clinton county, Iowa.

WILLIAM A. GABLE

William A. Gable, the third son of John and Elizabeth Eby Gable, was born on the 18th day of April, 1858. At the age of eighteen he left home to seek his fortune with a schoolmate, one Douglas Graunver, going to Sac county. On arriving there he secured employment at farming until about the 20th of December, when he left his partner and schoolmate (whom he afterward learned was killed by Indians, at or near the Black Hills, in South Dakota), and went to Unionville, Putnam county, Missouri.

Here he secured employment at farming, remaining until May, 1880. He then started by a mule team for Colorado, arriving at Pueblo about June 15th. His train was headed direct for Leadville, at that time the greatest mining town in the world. With the arrival of the mule train at Pueblo, and hearing of the great miner's lucky strikes at that camp, practically meant an annullment of all business, so they turned south and started for Alamosa. On arriving at Laveda, his employer left him with a part of the train, while he and his wife went on to Alamosa. Here he and a partner, one Jefferson Morrison, went into the tie business, with a profit of ten dollars a day. His employer soon returned with fabulous stories of the enormous wealth and general prosperity at Alamosa.

They immediately broke camp and proceeded to this point, arriving there about the first of July, 1880. Here he was engaged in loading freight for Gothic, a town in the Gunnison country, a distance of 150 miles. Here his partner, Jeff Morrison, hired to a big freighting outfit, and loaded for Animus City, and on that trip was killed by Indians, William Gable's escape being nothing short of miraculous.

His trip from Alamosa to Gothic with a load of freight was without unusual event, going through the beautiful San Louis Valley and over the Cochetopa range. Arriving at Gothic, they disposed of their freight and started to Gunnison City, where he secured employment, hauling lumber which at that time was worth \$150 a thousand feet. After hauling lumber for some time, he was engaged in the transportation of freight from Sa-

lida, or South Arkansas, to Gunnison City, a distance of seventy miles.

After making a few trips his employer disposed of his outfit, which left him without employment. He soon obtained work carrying brick and mortar, as considerable number of buildings were being erected

He was engaged in this and other employments of a similar nature until the spring of 1881, when he went on a prospecting trip down in the San Juan country. Returning from there, he found employment with a Philadelphia company as guard to a coal mine in the Indian reservation. Here he remained for about three months, when he was sent by this same company to do assessment work on mining claims. He later returned to Gunnison City. Here he took a lease on a mine in Hall's Gulch, in Park county, 150 miles from Gunnison City. He left Gunnison August 25th, 1881, with a pony and packed burro. On arriving at Fair Play, on the South Fork of the South Platte river, he overtook parties traveling, who were waiting for the river to subside so they could cross it, the bridges all being washed away.

He arrived at Hall's Gulch about the 3rd of September, 1881, and there worked in the mines continuously until 1884. Later he located in Ute Creek Cascade Mining district and became interested in a grocery and general store business, also conducting a hotel. The fall of this year the mines closed down and he was left on the mountain with a grocery and general supply store and no customers. On the first of December, 1887, he united in marriage to a Miss Anna C. Garson. He was engaged in prospecting and mining until June 1st, 1893, when his wife and he separated.

REUBEN M. GABLE

Reuben M. Gable was born in Perry county, Penn., in 1860. He came with his parents in 1864 to Carroll, county, Illinois, where they resided for two years, then moved to Lost Nation, Iowa, on a farm one-half mile east of the town of Lost Nation. This vicinity was called Lost Nation ever since the first settlers came into the township from Dubuque in 1871. When the railroad was built and a station established the company called it Lost Nation and the government readily christened the postoffice Lost Nation. The deriving of the name of Lost Nation was among the earliest settlers, when Iowa was a territory, and is attributed to the lost tribe which wandered away from the main settlement in Dubuque county, and were compelled to put in for winter quarters near where the town now stands which was covered with timber at that time.

After completing our education at the age of nineteen in a common public school, which we attended about four months during the year, we engaged in the mercantile business, as clerk in the general store of Beckon and Page and D. D. Comstock & Sons. Having a natural inclination to study the mechanism of a watch we practically learned the watch maker's trade doing most all kinds of repair work for fifteen years.

During the time we took charge of the Lost Nation post-office and was an humble servant of Uncle Sam for nine years.

In 1896 I established the Lost Nation Chronicle and with the best of patronage tendered it, it today is a prominent fixture to the town.

On September 18th, 1888, we were united in marriage to Miss Clara Holling, whose parents reside in Davenport, Iowa.

This union was blessed with two children:

Bewlah May, who was born August 1st, 1891.

Lawrence J., May 14th, 1897.

Having resided in Lost Nation where we have our own home, in fact we have kept the name Gable up in old Clinton county for years, after all the rest of the family left for other parts, and by continuance of good fortune, the old name will be held before the many people of Lost Nation and vicinity, as heretofore, as a law abiding citizen amongst them.

GEORGE A. GABLE

George A., fifth son of John and Elizabeth Eby Gable, was born April 23rd, 1869, in Clinton county, Iowa. Late in 1884 he accompanied his father's family when they moved to Mahaska county. Here he, in 1894, the 3rd day of October, was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Lena L. Harbor. This union was blessed with two children:

Eva B.

Harold J.

IRA A. GABLE

Ira A. Gable, sixth son of John and Elizabeth Gable, was born February 2nd, 1871, in Clinton county, Iowa. The family later moved to Mahaska county, where he assisted his father upon the farm until the age of twenty-one. At this time he left home and went to Lincoln, Nebraska, from Lincoln to New Castle, Wyoming, and also certain sections of Montana, as well as Idaho. Here for three years he followed the occupation of mining.

July 23rd, 1898, he was united in marriage to Grace B. Scoffield. One child was born to this union, by name, Edith E. He now resides with his family at Hunt, Idaho.

EZRA L. GABLE

Ezra L. Gable, seventh son of John and Elizabeth Eby Gable, was born the 2nd day of February, 1873, Clinton county, Iowa.

On October 3rd, 1895, he was united in marriage to Estella A. Beal, of Mahaska county, Iowa. To this union was born one child:

Tressa G.

BENJAMIN I. GABLE

Benjamin I. Gable, eighth son of John and Elizabeth Eby Gable, was born the fifth of June, 1875, in Clinton county, Iowa. Here he assisted his father on the farm until the age of seventeen. At this age he went to Mt. Morris school, where he attended for one term. In March, 1895, he was united in marriage to Rettie M. Bunker. To this union was born three children:

Clarence O.

Helen A.

Gladys M.

MAGDALENE L. GABLE

Magdalene L. Gable, second daughter of John and Magdalene Lane Gable, was born August 2nd, 1829, near Newport, Perry county, Penn. In the fall of 1851, she was united in marriage to John Happle. She and her husband moved upon a farm which they owned near Newport, Perry county. Here she resided until her death. She was a member of the German Baptist Brethren church. She died December 12th, 1898, aged sixty-nine years, four months and seventeen days. John Happle died January 25th, 1871, aged fifty-nine years, one month and six days.

MICHAEL GABLE

Michael Gable, fourth son of John and Magdalene Lane Gable, was born October 18th, 1830, and was united in marriage December 19th, 1851, with Lucinda Guiar. To this union were born eight children, five of whom are still living:

Antha.

David.

Joseph.

Ammon.

Cassie.

Machael Gable's first wife died May 21, 1880, aged forty-nine years, four months and fifteen days. At this time he resided in Juniata county, Penn.

By occupation he was a mason. On October 15th, 1881, he was united in marriage to Catherine Leister, when they moved to Richfield, Snyder county, Penn., where he now resides, living a life of retirement.

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